

Remarks:

In an Office action dated November 17, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the application contains patentably distinct inventions including:

- I. Claims 1-26, drawn to "A method of preparing a surface for adhesion", "A method of increasing adhesion of an adhesive to a substrate", "A method of eliminating interfacial failure between a first component and an adhesive in a print cartridge", classified in class 427, subclass 207.1.
- II. Claims 27-29, drawn to "An interface between a first component and an adhesive", classified in class 428, subclass 343.
- III. Claims 30-32, drawn to "A printer", classified in class 347, subclass 86.

The Examiner further indicates that the inventions of Group I, Group II and Group III "are related as process of making and product made." However, the Examiner asserts that the inventions are distinct because "the printhead cartridge assembly surface can be made by etching, sputtering, or micromachining," apparently referring to his indication that inventions are distinct if it can be shown that "the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process." This is not the case in the instant application.

Claims 27 and 30 each recite "a surface prepared by providing initiators on the surface that are configured to partially shield a portion of the surface and by directing a laser toward the surface to affect ablation of a non-shielded portion of the surface and further allowing ablated material to resettle to form structures on the surface." The Examiner's assertion that the "surface can be made by etching, sputtering, or micromachining" this is unfounded. Furthermore, despite the Examiner's assertion,

applicants note that claim 27 does not even recite a printhead cartridge. The restriction requirement thus should be withdrawn.

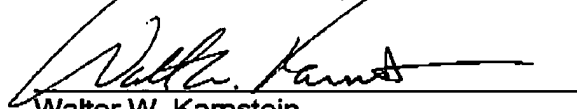
Nevertheless, in view of the Examiner's indication that any reply to the Examiner's restriction requirement "must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement is traversed," applicants have elected the invention of Group 1, with traverse. Claims 27 and 30 thus are withdrawn, also with traverse. Claims 28, 29, 31 and 32 are cancelled without prejudice.

In view of the Examiner's restriction requirement, applicants have added new claims 33-36, which depend from elected claims 1 and 10.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions.

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